

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s))	Barbara A. FOX et al.
Application No.)	09/574,437
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Title)	DECOUPLING PROCESSES FROM HARDWARE WITH LOGICAL IDENTIFIERS
Examiner)	Joseph E. Avellino
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**AMENDMENT, RESPONSE, AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION (RCE) PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.114**

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed April 21, 2005, rejecting claims 1-4, 6, 8-16, and 20-55 of the above-referenced Application, in which claims 1-4, 6, 8-16, and 20-55 are pending, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered. In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action.